

# **Minority Business Enterprise Commission**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**September 20, 2005**

**A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the RI Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI on Tuesday, September 20, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Jim Choquette, Mauriana Akinfolarin, Denise Correy, and Stephanie Morris. Also in attendance was Dorinda Keene, staff to the committee.**

**The Minutes of the August 16, 2005 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes as reported. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) Faith Enterprises, Inc. MBE/DBE RI**
- b) H & S Environmental, Inc. WBE/DBE MA**
- c) K.C. Electric Company, Inc. WBE/DBE NH**
- d) OnSite IT, LLC WBE/DBE RI**
- e) Patricia Sousa, dba Sunrise Kleening WBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the certification of these firms for participation in the State of Rhode Island's MBE program as well as the DBE program as administered by those transportation agencies governed by 49 CFR in the industry categories as detailed in the write up presented by the MBE Compliance Office. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee reviewed the following applications and the recommendation of the MBE Compliance Office:**

- a) Atlantic Solutions, Ltd. WBE/DBE RI**
- b) Curran Industries, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**
- c) Ferrara Mechanical Services, Inc. WBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to notify these companies of the need for a hearing based upon issues of ownership, control, and dependency upon non-minority individual(s) and/or non-minority firm(s). Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Hearings:**

**Antonelli & Sons Landscape / Construction, Inc. – The CRC were notified that the hearing originally scheduled for this applicant had been postponed until November 22, 2005, per the request of the applicant.**

**RED Technologies, LLC. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and was attended by the majority owner of the applicant firm, Ms. Barbara Westhaver.**

**After questioning by the members of the CRC concerning**

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**issues of control, dependency upon a non-minority individual, and concern that the firm had been established for the purposes of competing for MBE/WBE/DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny the certification of this company. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Old/New Business:**

**LJ Site Development, Inc. – This item was carried forward from a prior CRC meeting. Per the request of the CRC, the MBE Compliance Office requested additional information in order to complete the review of the application for certification as a WBE/DBE in the State of Rhode Island. A motion was made and properly seconded to notify this applicant that all requested information must be received within**

**30 days or the application would be withdrawn. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Roy McQueen & Associates, Ltd. – This item was carried forward from a prior CRC meeting. The MBE Compliance Office, per the directive of the CRC, has sought assistance from the VA Department of Transportation on the following issues: compensation to owners over the past three (3) years, with an emphasis on employment agreements and stock agreements. As of this date, the MBE Compliance Office is still awaiting a response from the VA Department of Transportation.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Certification Review Committee shall be on Tuesday, October 18, 2005.**